

# **Department of Health Care Services Children's Medical Services Network**



# **Case Notes**

User Manual (Step-by-Step)

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The CMS Net Narratives module is converted to the CMS Web system and renamed Case Notes. However, the terminology *narrative* and *case note* can be used synonymously the way *client* and *patient* terminology is used.

Listed are features and functionalities of the Case Notes module:

- Add new case notes
- Use subject codes for each selected subject description
- Read and print existing CMS Legacy narratives and case notes from a .PDF format
- Search by using a criteria with multiple patients, users, and subject descriptions
- Authors can edit or delete case notes the same day they're created
- Make corrections to case notes anytime after the first day. The new correction case
  note will be associated to the original corrected case note that displays with a
  strikethrough format (example: strikethrough).
- Transfer case notes between patients within the same county when case notes are known to have been entered in the wrong patient. The transfer feature must be requested through State system administrators.
- Attach a hyperlink of case notes to a web message.
- Flag a case note as an error. This feature must be requested through State system administrators.
- View narratives from the Case Notes module and vice versa view case notes from the CMS Net Narratives module.

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#### 1 Case Notes Module

#### 1.1 CASE NOTE TYPES AND DEFINITIONS

There are three types of case notes and they are listed and defined as follows:

- **1. Manually entered free-text** A case note that is created by using the 'Add New' function
- 2. Automatic case note A case note that is pre-populated with some system generated information, but the user has the ability to enter free-text. These case notes occur after certain events like a case closure, issued letter, or authorized SAR.
- **3. System-generated case note** A case note that is created by the system and is automatically filed without the user's visual knowledge. Users do not have the opportunity to enter additional text to it at the time it is saved.

Please see Appendix A to view the case notes subject descriptions for manually entered freetext case notes.

#### 1.2 ACCESSING CASE NOTES

**Step 1.** Access the Case Notes module by hovering the mouse pointer over the 'CCS Modules' option to display the menu drop-down list. Click on the 'Case Notes' option as shown in Figure 1-1.



Figure 1-1, Accessing Case Notes

#### 2 Search Case Notes

#### 2.1 CASE NOTES DEFAULT SEARCH SCREEN

Figure 2-2 displays the default case notes search screen. A common way to search for case notes is by date and patient. However, there are multiple ways to search for case notes by using the Advanced Search options which allows searches by a patient, user, and specific subject.

A new feature to be aware is the 'Add new case note' button. It is used for adding new case notes to a patient record that is listed on the patient list.

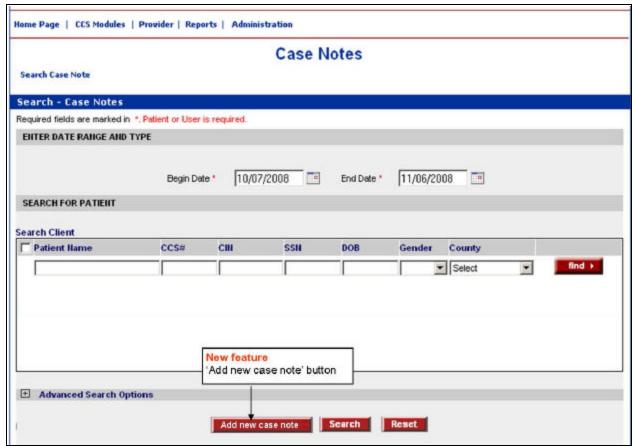


Figure 2-2, Search User Screen

Figure 2-3 displays the Advanced Search options where case notes can be searched by user, subject description, and include case notes marked as an error.

A new feature to be aware of is the placement of the 'Display error and deleted case notes' check box. It is included in the Advanced Search options.

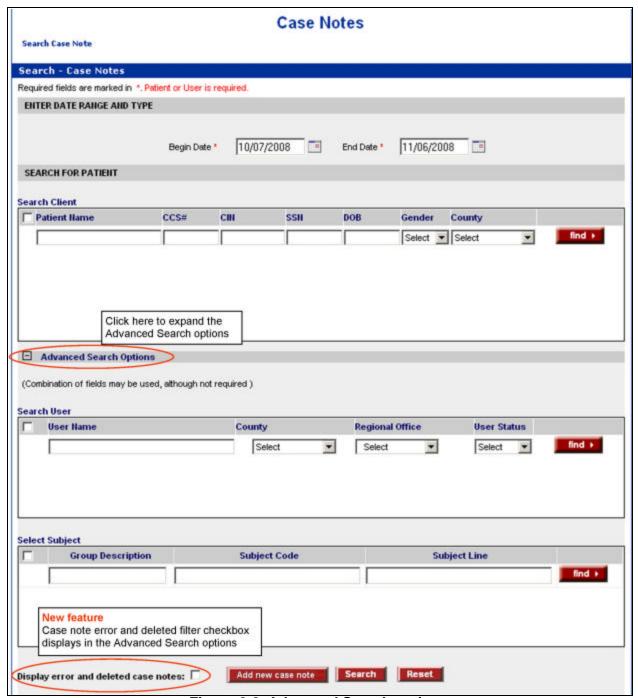


Figure 2-3, Advanced Search options

# 2.1.1 Search for patient by name

- **Step 1.** Enter the patient name in the 'Patient Name' field. Partial names are allowed. Press <ENTER> key or click the 'Find' button.
  - A pop-up screen appears and displays the search results.
- **Step 2.** Select the patient and click the 'Continue' button. The selected patient is added to the patient list.

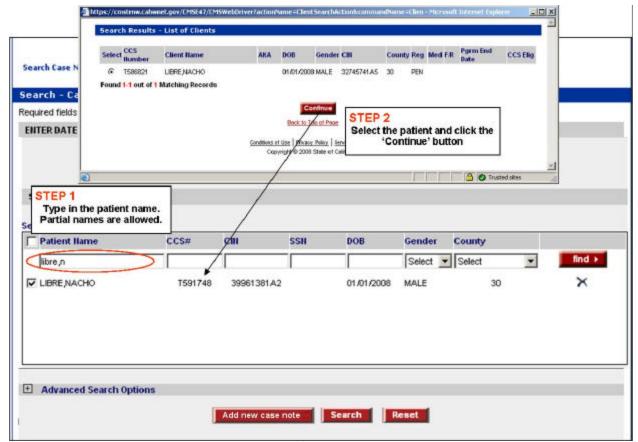


Figure 2-4, Search for patient

A new feature to be aware of is the date range recalculating to the very first and most recent entry dates of existing case notes and narratives for the selected patient(s).

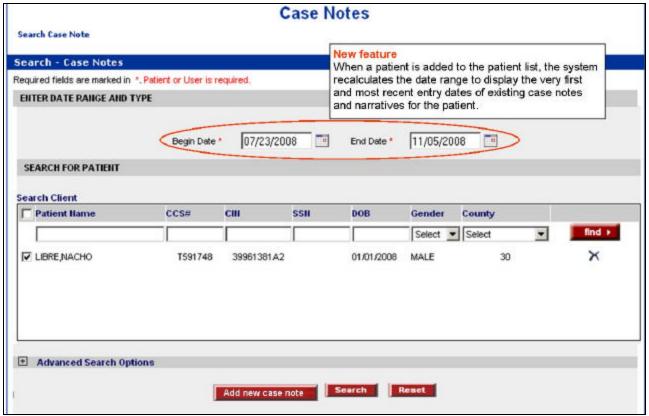


Figure 2-5, Date range is recalculated based on selected patient(s)

# 2.1.2 Search for patient by unique identifiers – CCS, CIN, SSN

**Step 1.** Enter the CCS# and press the <ENTER> key. If there is an exact match, the system adds the patient to the patient list. This works similarly when searching by CIN or SSN.

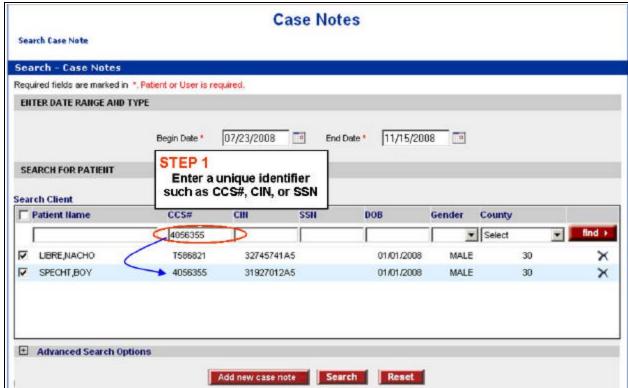


Figure 2-6, Search by unique identifier – CCS, CIN, or SSN

# 2.1.3 Search for patient using combination – DOB, Gender, and County

- **Step 1.** Enter a DOB, select Gender, and County. Press <ENTER> key or click the 'Find' button.
  - A pop-up screen appears and displays the search results.
- **Step 2.** Select the patient and click the 'Continue' button. The selected patient(s) are added to the patient list.

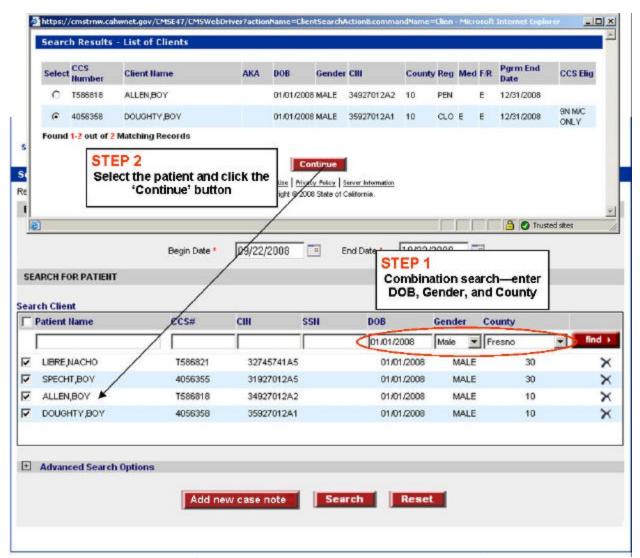


Figure 2-7, Combination search – DOB, Gender, and County

This example continues in the next section 3.2 Case Notes Search Results screen.

#### 2.2 CASE NOTES SEARCH RESULTS SCREEN

Listed are tables that identify certain case note indicators and use of hyperlinks.

**Table 3-1, Case Note Indicators** 

Indicator Name	Indicator Definition and Details
1. **DRAFT**	This indicates the case note was entered today and is subject to change by the creator anytime today. This is useful when users do take action based on a case note because they need to keep in mind the content of the case note may change will may affect the action they're taking.
2. **TCN**	TCN stands for transferred case note. When users enter a case note or narrative in the wrong patient record, they can request the County or State system administrators to transfer the case note to the correct patient within the same legal county.
3. **CORRECTION** 4. **ERROR**	This indicates the original case note had corrections made to it.  This indicates the case note was entered error and the original creator is no longer around to make a correction. Users can request the County or State system administrators to flag a case note as an error.

**Table 3-2, Hyperlinks with Case Notes** 

Module	SAR / Letter Status	Hyperlink Action
SAR	<ul><li>Authorized SAR</li><li>Cancelled SAR</li></ul>	Display .PDF format of SAR
SAR	<ul> <li>Pending SAR</li> <li>Denied SAR</li> <li>Request Approval</li> <li>Approved-Y</li> <li>Approved-N</li> </ul>	Navigate to the SAR module and display the SAR.  There will be a confirmation message to ask if the user wants to navigate to the SAR module and will exit the Case Notes module.
Web Correspondence	Sent letter	Display .PDF format of letter
	Cancelled letter	

#### **New feature:**

By default, case notes are sorted in reverse chronological order – newest to oldest. However, the case notes can be sorted by clicking on the column headings. Hard copy printouts are based on sort order when printing from the search results screen.

**Step 1.** Click the 'Search' button to begin searching for the case notes. The search results screen appears with the matching records.

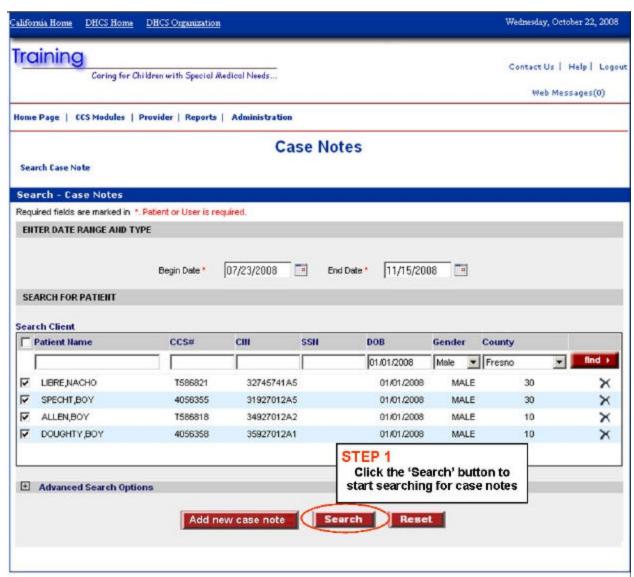


Figure 3-8, Begin searching for case notes

#### On the Case Note results screen, there are several new features:

- 1. 'Select All' check box
- 2. Case Notes subject description hyperlink
- 3. Status column
- 4. Page selectors
- 5. 'Transfer case note' button



Figure 2-9, Search results screen

## 3 View / Print Selection

- **Step 1.** Select the case note to view by placing a check mark in the check box.
- Step 2. Click the 'Print' button



Figure 3-10, Select case notes to view

Step 3. Click the printer icon to print the selected case notes. **Note:** This printing option may vary depending on the .PDF software program and version. The example in Figure 3-11 uses Acrobat Reader 8.0.

The case notes format has a new design as shown in Figure 3-11.

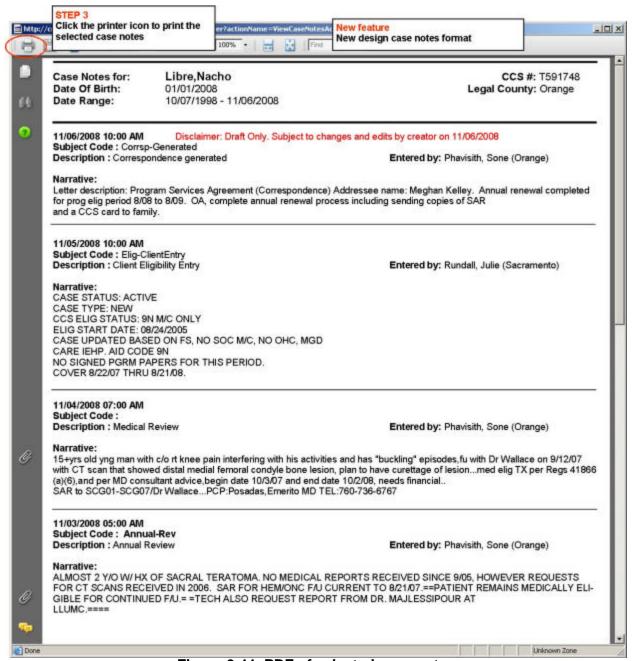


Figure 3-11, PDF of selected case notes

# 4 Add New Case Note

Using the 'Add New' option creates a manual free-text case note.

#### 4.1 ADD CASE NOTE TO FIRST PATIENT LISTED

- **Step 1.** Add and select a patient on the patient list
- Step 2. Click the 'Add new case note' button

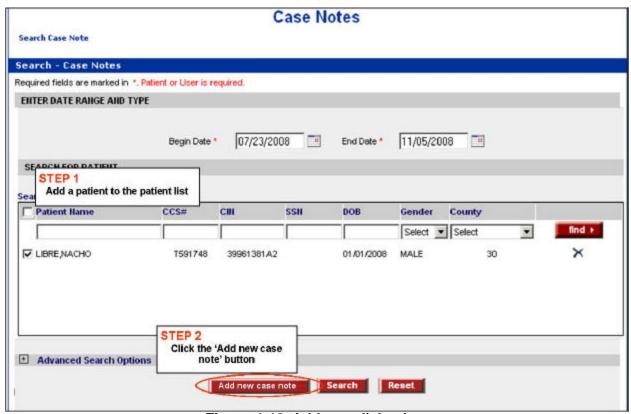


Figure 4-12, Add new dialog box

- Step 3. Select a subject description using the drop-down list. For this example, select 'Application other information or issues' subject. The system automatically assigns the associated subject code (App-misc) which is read-only.
- **Step 4.** Enter a more descriptive description in the 'Other' text box.
- **Step 5.** Type in the free-text narrative.
- **Step 6.** Click the 'Save' button and the system saves the new case note.

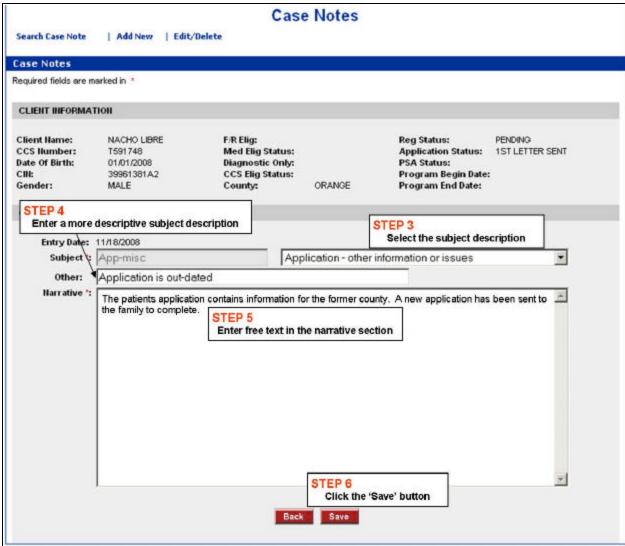


Figure 4-13, Confirm adding a new case note to the patient record

#### 4.2 DRAFT CASE NOTE

- **Step 1.** Select the draft case note by placing a check mark in the check box.
- **Step 2.** Click the 'Print' button.



Figure 4-14, Select the draft case note to view

Step 3. Click the printer icon to print the selected case notes. **Note:** This printing option may vary depending on the .PDF software program and version. The example in Figure 4-15 uses Acrobat Reader 8.0.



Figure 4-15, Draft disclaimer is displayed on all new case notes

## 5 Edit a Case Note

**Step 1.** Click on the subject description hyperlink.



Figure 5-16, Click on subject description hyperlink

Figure 5-17 displays the preview screen of the case note.

**Step 2.** Click on the 'Edit' button to be redirected to the edit case notes screen.

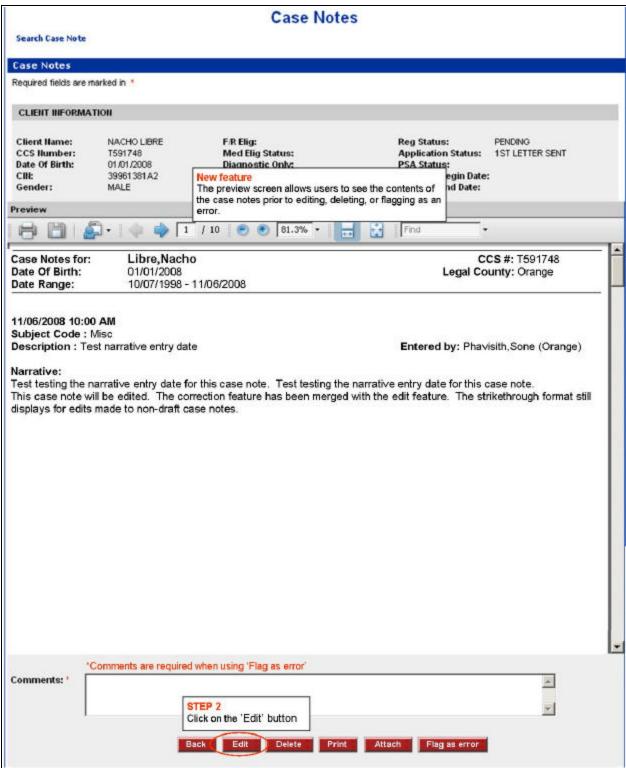


Figure 5-17, Case notes preview screen

- **Step 3.** Replace the entire original narrative with a new narrative
- **Step 4.** Click the 'Save' button. A dialog box will appear to confirm the correction. The system returns to the preview screen with the updated case note.

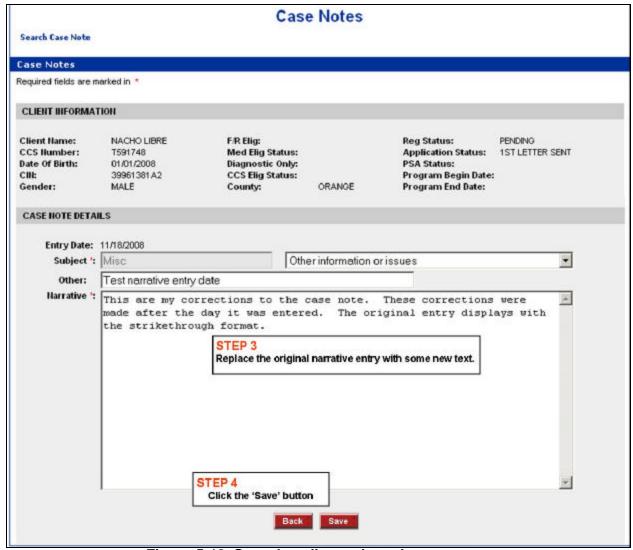


Figure 5-18, Save the edits made to the case note

Figure 5-19 displays the replacement case note with the correction indicator.

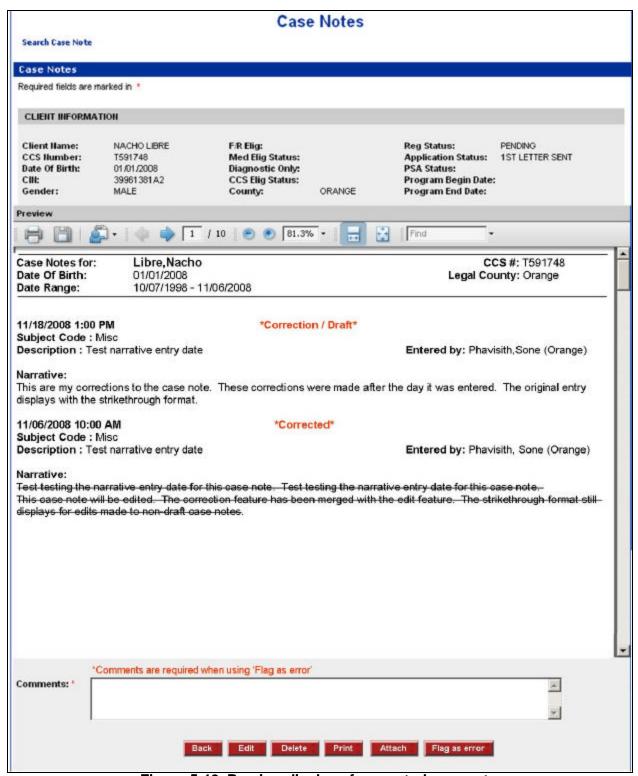


Figure 5-19, Preview display of corrected case note

If edits are made to a *draft* case note, the replacement narrative displays only. The original narrative is over-written.

# 6 Send via Web Message

Case notes can be sent to other users in any county. Users can attach a hyperlink of a case note to a Web Message.

- **Step 1.** Select the case note(s) to attach to a web message.
- **Step 2.** Click the 'Attach' button. A web message pop-up screen appears with the selected case notes attached.



Figure 6-20, Select case notes to attach to a Web Message

Please refer to the Web Message user manual on how to send, receive, and read Web Messages.

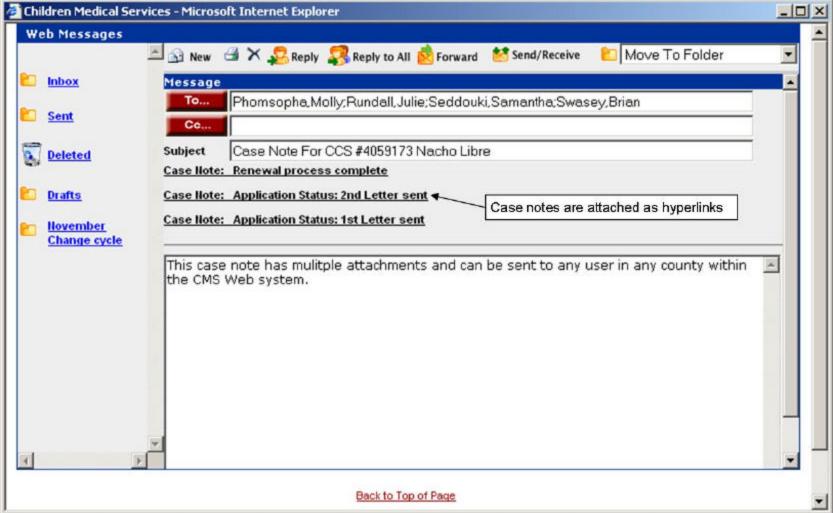


Figure 6-21, Attaching case notes to a web message

Figure 6-22 displays the case note when the attached case note hyperlink is clicked.

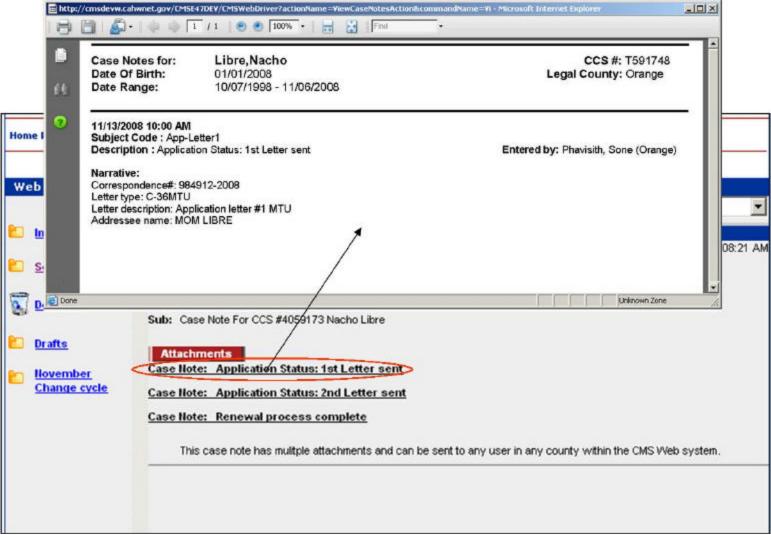


Figure 6-22, View a case note attachment

## 7 Delete Case Note

Case notes can be deleted the same day they're created. Case notes can be deleted by the Creator only and must be done one at a time.

**Step 1.** Click the subject description hyperlink of the draft case note.



Figure 7-23, Select case note to edit

The preview screen appears and displays the draft case note. This forces the user to see the narrative of the case note prior to deleting. System-generated case notes cannot be deleted such as letters and SAR case notes.

**Step 2.** Click the 'Delete' button. The 'Delete' button appears if the case note status is draft and if the current user is the Creator of the case note.

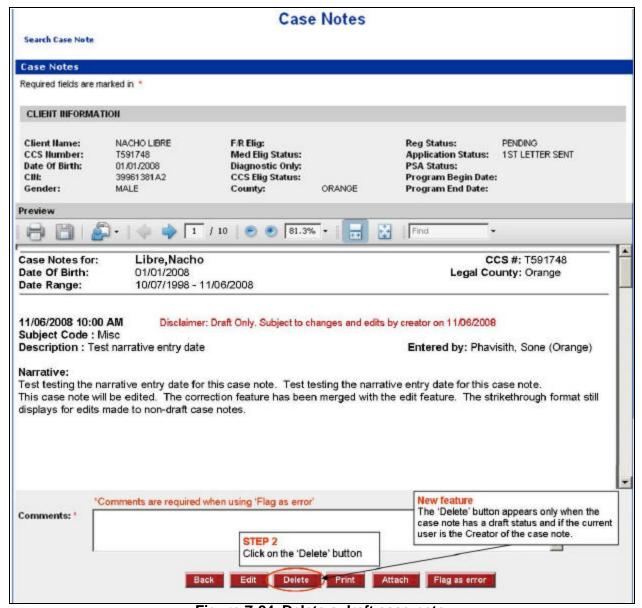


Figure 7-24, Delete a draft case note

After the case note is deleted, the system returns to the case notes search screen.

# 8 System-generated Case Notes

A system-generated case note is pre-populated with some system generated information, but the user has the ability to enter free-text. These case notes occur after certain events like a case closure, sent letters, or authorized SAR.

#### 8.1 SAR CASE NOTES

#### **Step 1.** Create a pending SAR

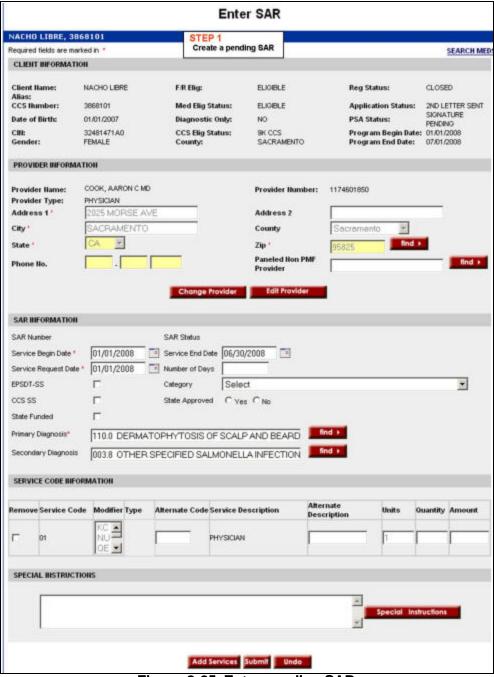


Figure 8-25, Enter pending SAR

Figure 8-26 displays the automatic case notes screen that has the system generated information and an area for users to add additional free-text.

Step 2. Enter additional free-text information then click the 'Save' button. The system will save the case note and return to the SAR module. Navigate back to the Case Notes module and find the new automatic case note.

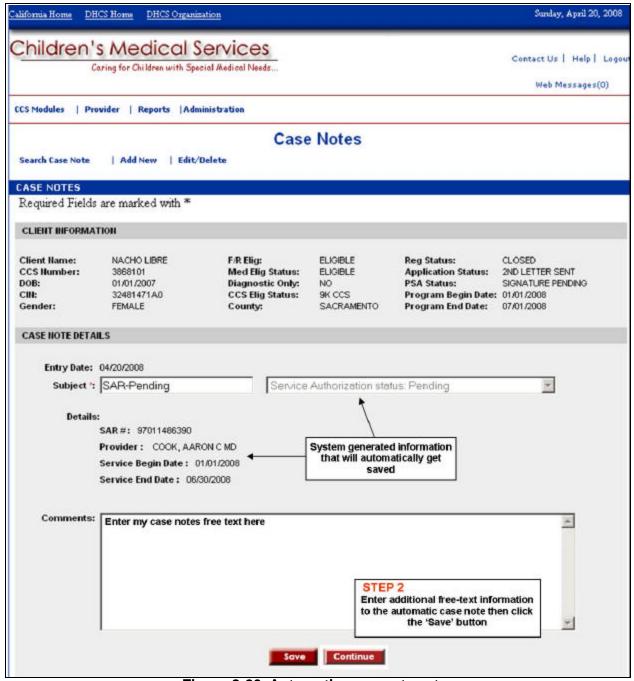


Figure 8-26, Automatic case note entry

- **Step 3.** Select the system generated case note to view.
- **Step 4.** Select the 'View/Print Selection' option then click the 'Continue' button



Figure 8-27, Select automatic case note to view

Figure 8-28displays the system-generated case note. The free-text portion displays below the system-generated text.

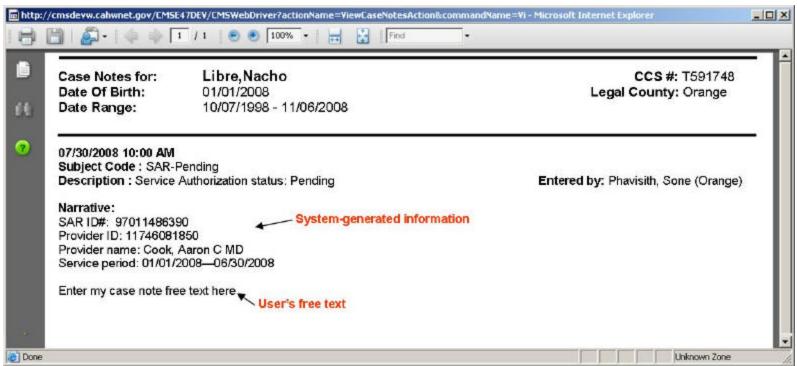


Figure 8-28, Print display of automatic case note

### 8.1.1 SAR Hyperlinks

- **Step 1.** Click the SAR hyperlink to view the pending SAR. In order to view the pending SAR, the system will have to navigate to the SAR module. A confirmation dialog box will appear.
- **Step 2.** Click 'OK' to navigate to the SAR module.

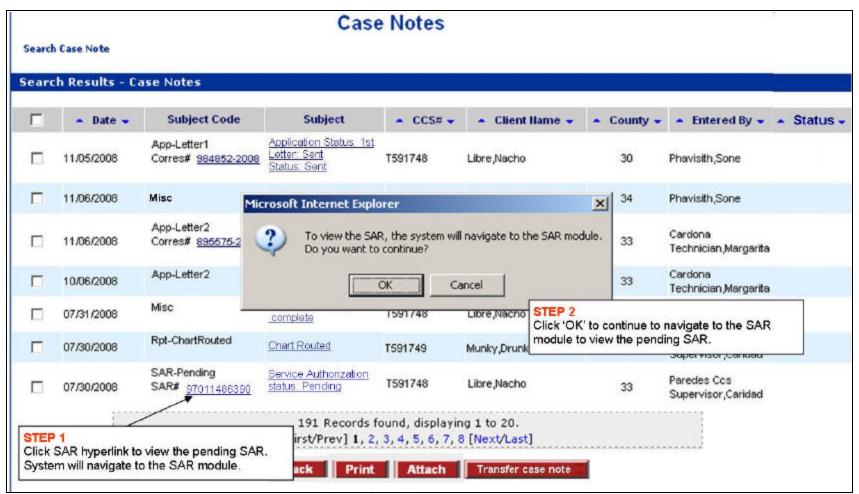


Figure 8-29, Click SAR hyperlink to view pending SAR



Figure 8-30, Navigate to SAR module to view pending SAR

Clicking on the hyperlink of a SAR with a status of authorized or cancelled, the system will display a pop-up screen of the .PDF format.

**Step 1.** Click the hyperlink of a SAR that has either an authorized or cancelled status. The system will bring up a print display of the selected SAR.



Figure 8-31, Click SAR hyperlink to view PDF display

Figure 8-32 displays the authorized SAR.

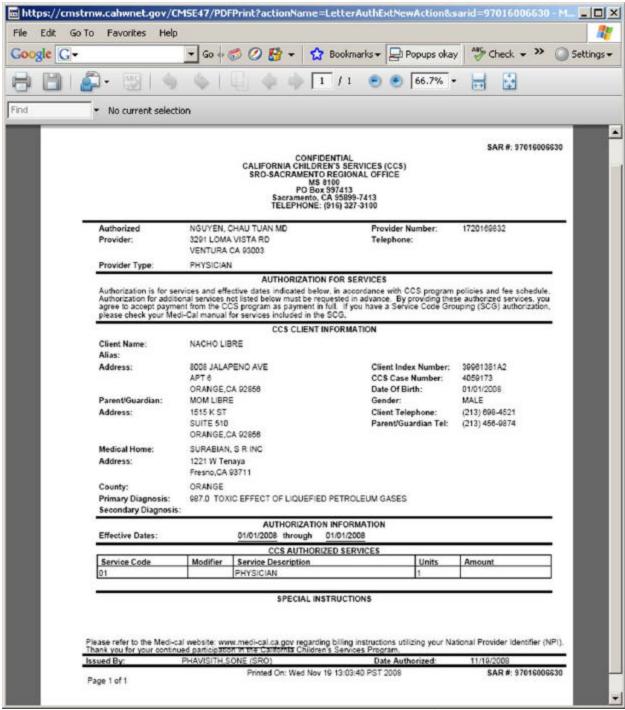


Figure 8-32, Print display of cancelled SAR

# 9 System Administration Functionalities

#### 9.1 TRANSFER CASE NOTE

If users have entered a case note in the incorrect patient record, they can request to have a State system administrator transfer the case note to the correct patient.

- **Step 1.** Select the case notes to transfer.
- **Step 2.** Click on the 'Transfer case note' button.



Figure 9-33, State system administrators functionalities

- **Step 3.** Search and select the destination patient record.
- **Step 4.** Enter the name of the user requesting to transfer the case note.
- **Step 5.** Click the 'Transfer case note' button.

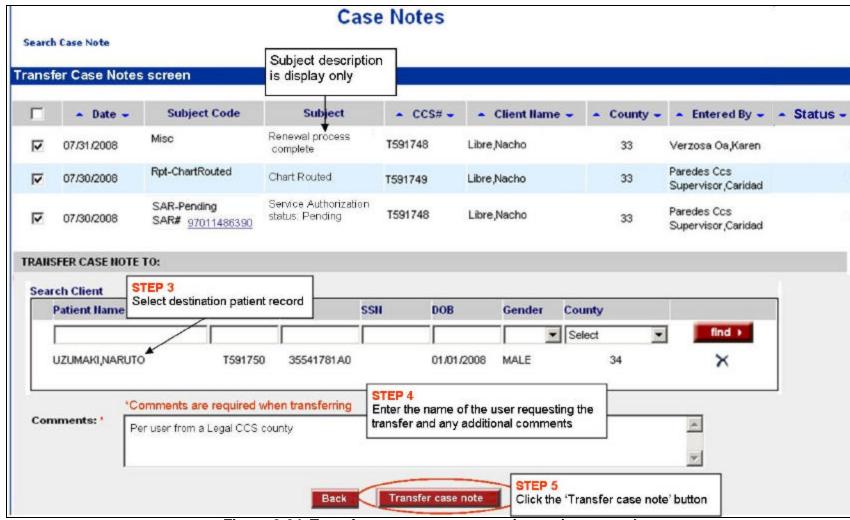


Figure 9-34, Transfer case note to correction patient record

After the case transfer is complete, the system returns to the case note search screen.

- **Step 6.** Search for the transferred case notes of the destination patient record. Select the transferred case note to view as indicated by the status 'Transferred'.
- **Step 7.** Click the 'Print' button.



Figure 9-35, Select transferred case note to view

Figure 9-36 displays the format of the transferred case note. The transfer entry displays above the original case note with the date of when it was transferred. The original entry date is still used in searches.

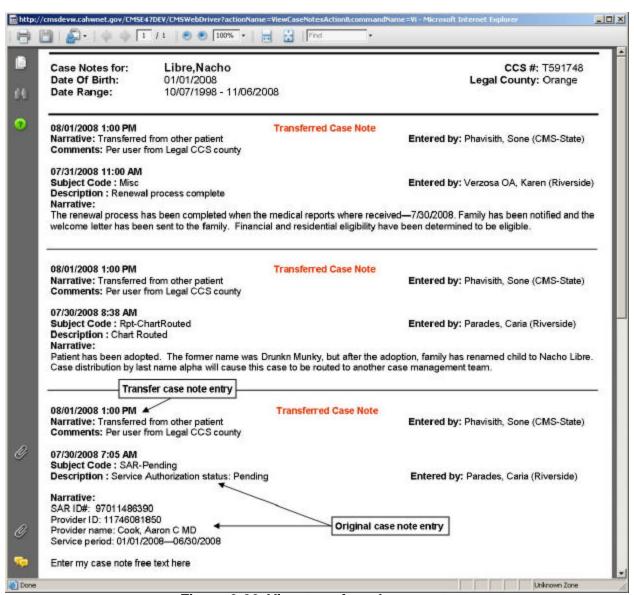


Figure 9-36, View transferred case note

#### 9.2 FLAG AS ERROR

Users need to request from the State system administrators to flag the case note as an error.

**Step 1.** Select the case note to flag as an error by clicking on the subject description hyperlink.



Figure 9-37, Select case note to flag as error

- **Step 2.** Enter comments or reasons for flagging the case note as an error.
- **Step 3.** Click the 'Flag as error' button

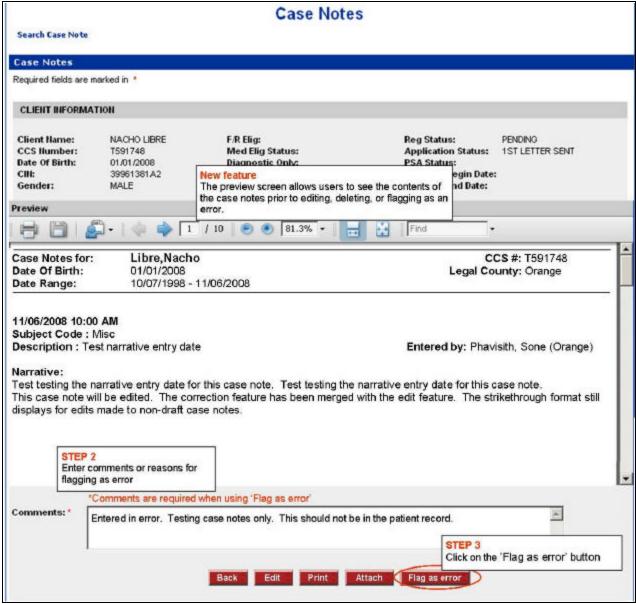


Figure 9-38, Enter comments prior to flagging the case note as error

After the case note is flagged as an error, the system returns to the case notes search screen.

Case notes flagged as an error will be excluded from the search results. To include case notes flagged as an error, place check mark in the 'Display error notes' check box under the Advanced Search options.

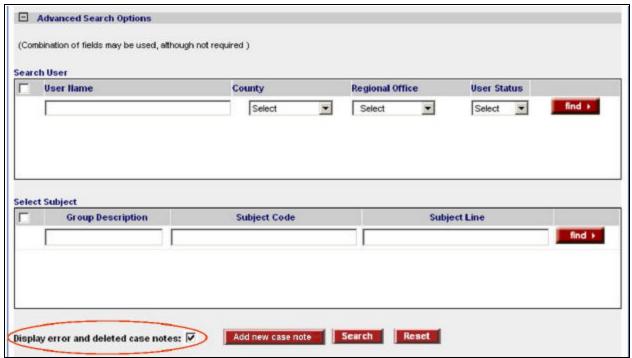


Figure 9-39, Include error case notes in search results

#### 9.3 PRINT ALL CASE NOTES IN A PATIENT RECORD

There is a known limitation where the system cannot return more than 200 records when searching for case notes. As a temporary solution, the system displays the 'Print all case notes' button to allow the system to display the PDF file of all the case notes for the selected patient.

#### Rules:

- 1. Used by County or State administrators; therefore, the button appears for only those users.
- 2. One patient record must be selected, only.
- 3. The PDF file lists the case notes in chronological order oldest to newest.
  - **Step 1.** Select one patient record, only.
  - **Step 2.** Click the 'Print all case notes' button. The system displays a PDF file of all the case notes for the selected patient. The case notes are sorted in chronological order.

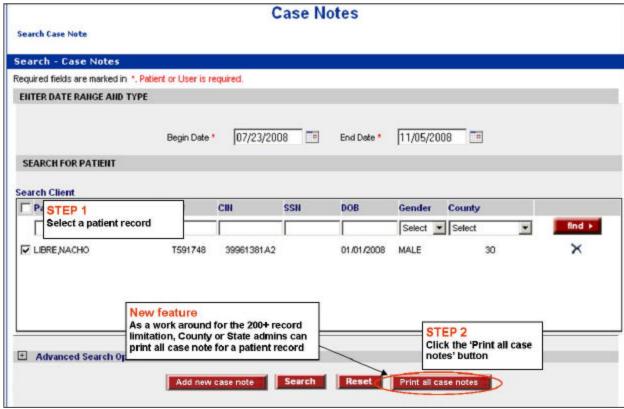


Figure 40, Use 'Print all case notes' button

# 10 Appendix A

Table 10-3, Proper Case Notes Subject Code usage

	Subject Code	Subject Description	Purpose of Use
1.	Elig-AnnualMedReview	Annual Medical Review	Documentation of Annual Review
2.	App-Misc	Application – other information or issues	Documentation regarding CCS application
3.	Misc-Appeallssue	Appeal Issues	Documentation of appeal actions - letter received and sent
4.	Elig-Appt	Appointment – FEI/FS Appointment	Documentation of financial/face sheet appt scheduled at the CCS Office
5.	SAR-BillClaim	Bill / Claim Communication	When CSC or PR speaks to provider or client about a bill or claim
6.	Misc-CaseNarr	Case Narrative	Used for general narrative entry
7.	Misc-CenterClinicVst	Center / Clinic Visit	Documentation of visit to center or clinic appointments
8.	Rpt-ChartRouted	Chart Routed	Used when hard copy chart routed to CCS staff
9.	Corresp-misc	Correspondence – other information of issues	Documentation of generated correspondence or received correspondence.
10.	SAR-CostEstRequest	Cost Estimate Request	Documentation of CER sent to vendor by CSC & MTU
11.	DME	Durable Medical Equipment (non-MTP)	Documentation of DME supplies
12.	DME-Rehabilitative	Durable Medical Equipment –	Documentation of DME-Rehab supplies (RX, estimates, appts,
		Rehabilitative (non-MTP)	delivery)
13.	Elig-misc	Eligibility – other information or issues	Documentation of program or client eligibility
14.	Misc-EPSDTSS	EPSDT SS Issues	Entry of EPSDT requests sent
15.	RefReg-FaceSheetInterview	Face Sheet Interview	Documentation of face sheet interview by RN & CSC
16.	Elig-FinElig	Financial Eligibility	Documentation of all financial & residential eligibility - initial and annual
17.	Insur-misc	Insurance – other information or issues	Documentation of insurance findings, questions or issues
18.	Misc-InterofficeXfer	Interoffice Transfer	Used when case transferred to another county
19.	SAR-InpatientReview	Inpatient Review	Documentation of Inpatient Authorization set up by RN & MD
20.	Misc-Intrepreter	Language Interpreter	Documentation of Interpreters for face sheet and MTU appts
20.	, who in aprotor		by everyone
21.	Misc-MaintTransportation	Maintenance and Transportation	Documentation of approval of maintenance & transportation to
			MTC appts or MD appts
22.	Rpt-MedRptInfo	Medical Report Information	Used by medical staff to document/summarize info in medical
			report
23.	Elig-MedEligAction	Medical Eligibility Action	Documentation of medical eligibility determination
24.	Misc	Other information or issues	Documentation of e-mails, letters, faxes sent or received and

			other miscellaneous info
25.	Misc-PhoneCall	Phone Call	Documentation of a telephone call
26.	SAR-PersciptionPharm	Prescription / Pharmacy	Document information related to prescription request
27.	SAR-ProviderInfo	Provider – information or issues	Documentation of a provider information or contact
28.	PSA-misc	PSA – other information or issues	Documentation of PSA tracking
29.	RefReg-ReferralInfo	Referral Information	Documentation of initial referral received
30.	LegacyAuth-Request	Request for Services	Documentation of authorization set up
31.	SAR-misc	Service Authorization (SAR) – other	Documentation specific to a client's SAR
		information or issues	
32.	Xfer-misc	Transfer Information	Documentation of a client's transfer or any associated activities.
33.	Misc-TransitionPlan	Transition Planning	Used to indicated transition activities
34.	MTP-MedInfoComment	MTP Medical Information Comment	Comments related to diagnosis or treatment services
35.	MTP-ClientInfoComment	MTP Client Info Comment	Client registration comments
36.	MTP-SchoolInfoComment	MTP School Info Comment	Documentation of client's school for MTP services
37.	Witi -SchoolinioConlinent	With School into Comment	Documentation for administration activities – therapy services
07.	MTP-TherapyServComment	MTP Therapy Services Comment	(Not used for running notes)
38.	mir merapycom comment	in merapy cervices comment	Documentation for administration activities –vendor therapy
	MTP-VendorTherapyComment	MTP Vendor Therapy Comment	services (Not used for running notes)
39.	1,7	MTP Durable Medical Equipment	Documentation of MTP DME supplies
	MTP - DMEComment	Comment	
40.	MTP-ReferralInfoComment	MTP Referral Information Comment	Documentation of initial MTP referral received
41.	MTP-CaseStatusComment	MTP Case Status Comment	Documentation of case status updates
42.	MTP-ConsentTrackingComment	MTP Consent Tracking Comment	Used to track MTP consents
43.	MTP-MTUAssignComment	MTU Assignment Comment	Document when a new MTU is assigned
44.	MTP-ConferenceSchedComment	MTP Conference Scheduling	Conference scheduling updates or additions comments
45.	MTP-MTUClinic	MTU Clinic	Documentation of MTU clinic appts outcomes (orders, referrals, RX, etc)
46.	MTP-MTUTherapyRpt	MTU Therapy Reports	Documentation of annual or 6 month eval reports
47.	MTP-MTUIssues	MTU Issues	Documentation of MTU issues
48.	MTP-MTPElig	MTU Eligibility	Comments related to Client's MTP eligibility
49.	MTP-LocalEduAgency	Local Education Agency	Documentation of LEA activity by MTU
50.	MTP-MTPElig	MTP Eligibility	Documentation of MTU eligibility determination
51.			Documentation of MTP e-mails, letters, faxes sent or received
	MTP-misc	MTP - other information or issues	and other miscellaneous info
52.			Documentation of MTU e-mails, letters, faxes sent or received
	MTP-miscMTU	MTU - other information or issues	and other miscellaneous info
53.	MTP-MTUClinic	MTU Clinic	Conference scheduling within a MTU updates or additions

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54.	MTP-MTUIssues	MTU Issues	Documentation of general narrative entries related to MTU
55.	MTP-MTUTherapyRpt	MTU Therapy Reports	Documentation based on the MTU therapy report.